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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Canal Decision

THE decision of the British government, and other major users of the Suez Canal, to permit their ships to use the Canal, for all practical purposes brings to an end a dispute which started ten months ago with Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company and culminated by the Anglo-French military operation against Port Said and the northern area of the waterway. The decision also tacitly implies that Egypt has won recognition of her right to sovereignty over and administration of the Canal.

It was made plain last week, when the Suez Canal Users' Association failed to agree to a continued boycott of the canal, that most of the countries in Europe chiefly affected by the dispute, would decide to resume the canal route. The French government at the moment is holding to its ban on using the waterway, but it is unlikely it can continue to deprive French shipping owners of their discriminatory rights. The realities of the new situation can be expected to force the French government into revocation of existing orders.

PUBLIC reaction to Mr Macmillan's House of Commons statement is bound to vary. But the rank and file will probably be more inclined to applaud than to castigate. An indefinite boycott of the canal appeared to offer little or no chance of forcing President Nasser into a more tractable state of mind; indeed the Egyptian leader holds such a strong hand, the highest card of which is actual possession of the canal, that only a few diehards have clung to the conviction that he could be made to bow to the demands of the major users of the waterway.

It is true eight Conservative MPs have "revolted"; have described the government's decision to allow British ships to use the canal as capitulation and appeasement. Nevertheless the "revolt" is unlikely to win a wide measure of public approval; nor is the government expected to be unduly embarrassed by the defection of a few of its members. Opposition criticism in the House yesterday was lukewarm. Generally speaking the government's decision appeared to be regarded as sensible in the light of events.

MR Macmillan's answer to those who complain that the British government has wholly surrendered its position over the future of the canal is that the decision to resume use of the waterway does not imply agreement with the Egyptian memorandum on the subject recently deposited with the United Nations.

In fact, however, the Egyptian proposals, though not fully conforming to the six principles laid down by the United Nations for a settlement of the dispute, are not wholly unacceptable. The main point of controversy is around the question of insulating control of the canal from national politics and policies.

What now remains to be seen is whether President Nasser, with the canal once again being fully utilised by international shipping, will display any willingness to negotiate an agreement providing guarantees against exploitation of the canal as a weapon of national policies. On this issue the Egyptian leader has to face world opinion. It is conceded that Egypt possesses certain rights regarding future operations of the canal, but she cannot be allowed to endow herself with the power to employ discrimination against shipping or to possess a position where she can hold the canal in pawn as a domestic waterway.

Protest Against Government's Suez Decision

London, May 13.

Eight members quit the British Conservative Parliamentary Party tonight in protest against the Government's announcement earlier in the day that British ships could again use the Suez Canal.

Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, had told an almost silent House of Commons that payment of Canal dues by British ships would be made to Egypt in sterling through a special account at the Bank of England.



LORD HINCHINBROOKE
(one of the rebels)

MPs' Statement: CAPITULATION TO NASSER

THE joint statement issued by the revolting MPs said: "The Government have announced their capitulation to Nasser."

"This is our latest episode in a long series of retreats that started with the Labour Government's weakness at the time of Abadan."

"Throughout the most recent series of retreats we have tried to persuade the Government to stand firm."

"We have urged it to stick to the six principles adopted by the UN Security Council on October 13, 1956, and accepted by Nasser."

"Appeasement leads only to disaster."

"By refusing the Canal to Israeli shipping, Nasser has already broken his latest pledge to abide by the 1958 Convention and reversed his acceptance of the 'Suez group' would also abstain from voting at the close of the debate."

"The Government, however, could survive abstentions by all 18 members in a vote."

"Later Lord Russell of Liverpool followed in the House of Lords, saying he strongly disapproved of the Government's decision regarding use of the Suez Canal by British ships without making a condition that the ships of all nations must be allowed free and innocent passage."—Reuters.

"We believe that the British people, not only in these islands, are desperately anxious that Britain should take a lead."

"Even though all the alternatives are unpleasant, their final surrender to Nasser will be interpreted by the people of Britain and by the friends of Britain overseas as a sign both of material weakness and, far worse, of a decaying will."

"If this betrayal be accepted we can have the surrender of Cyprus?"

"We should be untrue to our deepest political convictions if we did not now make the only protest left and refuse the party Whip."

"We remain Conservatives. We shall continue to support all four Conservative measures."

"Our purpose is the revival of Conservative leadership with the will and capacity to restore the interests and honour of Britain and secure the return of a real Tory administration when the general election comes."—Reuters.

Cairo, May 13. An Egyptian Finance Ministry spokesman said today in a statement following Britain's announcement on Suez Canal that: "It is expected that Anglo-Egyptian trade talks will take place very soon." The Finance Ministry spokesman announced that talks had been concluded between the delegates of Britain, Egypt and Switzerland regarding

NAVAL TASK FORCE DEFENCE

London, May 13. THE self-contained task forces which would form the future British Navy, would be deployed in the most advantageous way around the world, but concentrate at any given point should the need arise, Mr Christopher Soames, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said today.

He told the House of Commons this in asking for £316 million to cover the cost of the Navy until March 3, 1958.

The task forces would each consist of a carrier armed with nuclear-age planes and weapons, a cruiser, destroyers and frigates. Mr Soames said there were many territories where British military power would be welcomed in time of trouble, but which did not wish to have permanent static forces billeted upon them.

Declaring that it would be a great mistake to underrate the value of destroyers and frigates in peace time, Mr Soames said considerable areas of sea were openly made safe for British shipping by the presence of such ships.

PIRACY IN EAST

There was still a good deal of piracy in Eastern waters. "Our vessels based on Hongkong have a good deal of work to do in that respect," he said.

Mr Soames said Russia had "the biggest submarine fleet in the world" and her construction programme is still in full swing."

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GERMAN A-ARMS DECISION SAVED LONDON TALKS

Hamburg, May 13.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, told the Congress of the Christian Democratic Party today that his government would have destroyed the chances of success of the London disarmament conference if it had announced a decision not to arm the Bundeswehr with atomic weapons.

FAURE FOR HONGKONG



Most Hopeful

The Chancellor said the disarmament negotiations now going on in London were the most hopeful of any held so far.

"Why are they hopeful?" he asked. "Because the whole military power in the world—the whole military potential together, not atomic arms—in which the United States is undoubtedly stronger, is divided, as far as can be judged, just about equally between the three great powers."

"The moment we decided the Bundeswehr would not have atomic weapons, the scale would have tipped in favour of the Soviet Union. We would not merely have lessened the chances of the disarmament negotiations; we would have destroyed them."

The Chancellor was speaking on the second day of the Congress which marks the opening of the Christian Democrats' campaign for the September 15 general elections.—Reuters.

M. Faure, who was accompanied by Madame Faure, expects to spend three or four weeks in China.

He also hopes to make a brief visit to Japan before returning to France in the middle of June.—France-Presse.

Duke Of Gloucester Tipped For Merdeka Day

London, May 13.

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The Duke of Gloucester referred in a statement to a "large number" of press reports that he had received such a communication, from between 20 and 100 Labour MPs.

He added that he felt it right to say categorically that he had received no such statement.

"Moreover, the manning of standing committees is proceeding normally and any suggestion to the contrary is untrue.

"It is true that a number of members in all quarters of the House are profoundly concerned about the delay in dealing with what they regard as their legitimate claims for an adequate Parliamentary salary."

"The suggestion, however, that members should not carry out their Parliamentary duties in all their aspects could not be countenanced."—Reuters.

The Red Cross said 400 homes were destroyed or damaged. The Red Cross fed 600 persons tonight in a shelter set up in the First Baptist Church. Other residents moved in with friends or relatives who live in a section of Lampang—which has a population of 7,700—that is in the hills.—United Press.

Boat Detained

Stockholm, May 13.

A Swedish fishing boat with a crew of two, has been seized by the Soviet authorities and its master was detained for unlawful fishing in Soviet waters outside Kronoberg, the Swedish Foreign Office announced here today.—Reuters.

MISSING PLANE FOUND

Vancouver, May 13. Wreckage from a Trans-Canada Airlines North Star Aircraft missing since Dec. 9 with 62 persons aboard was found in the mountain 60 miles from here, an Airline spokesman said today.

No bodies were found.

Search for the plane had been postponed during the winter because of heavy snows and low-hanging clouds over the mountains where the plane disappeared while on a flight from Vancouver to Winnipeg.

A spokesman said the wreckage was found yesterday by a group of mountain climbers.

The plane ran into a snowstorm over the mountains and the pilot requested permission to return. Shortly afterwards, the plane slipped from radar screens and vanished in Canada's worst air disaster.—United Press.

Israel To Test Nasser

Jerusalem, Israel, May 13.

Israel is likely to send a test ship through the Suez Canal in the near future and will regard any interference with it as an act of war, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight.

Asked what Israel would do in the event of such interference, she said he did not think her reaction would be to complain to the International Court at The Hague.

He said Israel haditherto delayed such a move in a desire not to prejudice the liberations of the Suez Canal Users Association in London.

"Now Israel feels free to make the test," the spokesman added.

He disclosed that talks were being conducted in Paris with the French Government regarding Israel's intention to stand an Israeli merchant vessel flying the Israeli flag through the Canal.

Asked whether a definite date had been set for the test the spokesman refused to comment except to say "it is not likely within the next week."

The spokesman said the Government of Israel regards the sending of an Israeli ship through the Canal as important for two reasons:

★ 1. The use of Suez was of major importance to Israel's economy.

★ 2. There was no other possible test of President Nasser's intentions or of Egypt's adherence to international obligations.—Reuters.

CRIPPLED PLANE LANDS SAFELY

New York, May 13.

A Pan American World Airways plane en route from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to New York with 104 persons aboard landed safely at Bermuda after losing power in one engine in flight, the Coast Guard announced here.

A Coast Guard plane out of Bermuda met the crippled airplane and escorted it to a landing.

The plane sent a signal stating that it was in no immediate danger but had been forced to feather one propeller because of engine trouble.

It jettisoned fuel over Bermuda before landing, the Coast Guard reported.—United Press.

CLOUDBURST SHATTERS TEXAS TOWN

Lampasas, Texas, May 13.

Soldiers were brought in tonight to help clear debris from 60 to 70 square blocks that a 10-foot wall of water ravished last night.

The bodies of four drowned persons were recovered. Two other persons were missing. Eight were injured. State Police Captain E. K. Browning said damage could easily total \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Unofficial estimates put damage at five million.

The full picture of the disaster emerged hours after the flood when Sulphur Creek, which makes an elbow through Lampasas, started rising in the town itself for a course in the middle of a cloudburst. It literally swept away houses.

Residents sat tonight in the streets, against telephone poles and on the highway. One home was dropped into the middle of US Highway 281, the main road to San Antonio. The railway station, which is 120 feet long, was lifted, turned about and dropped.

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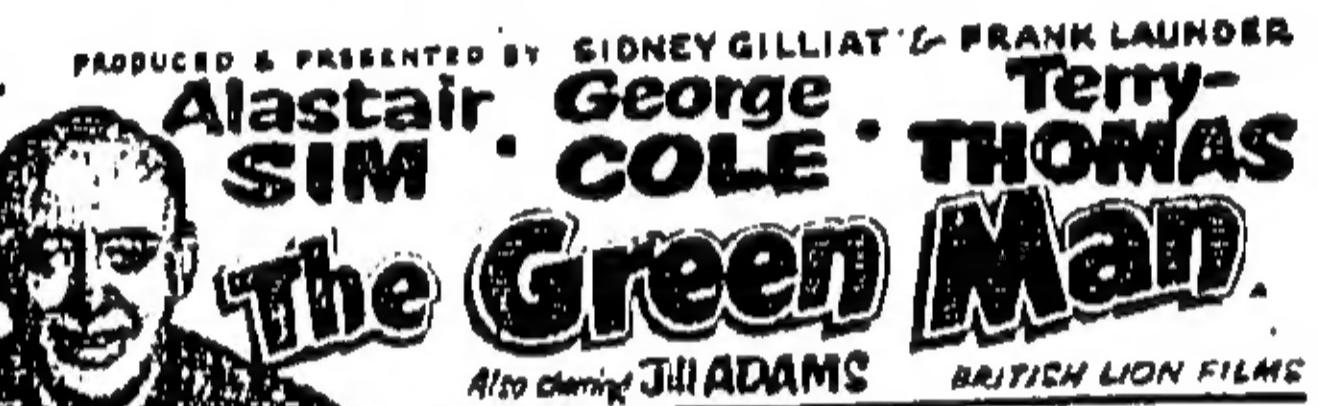
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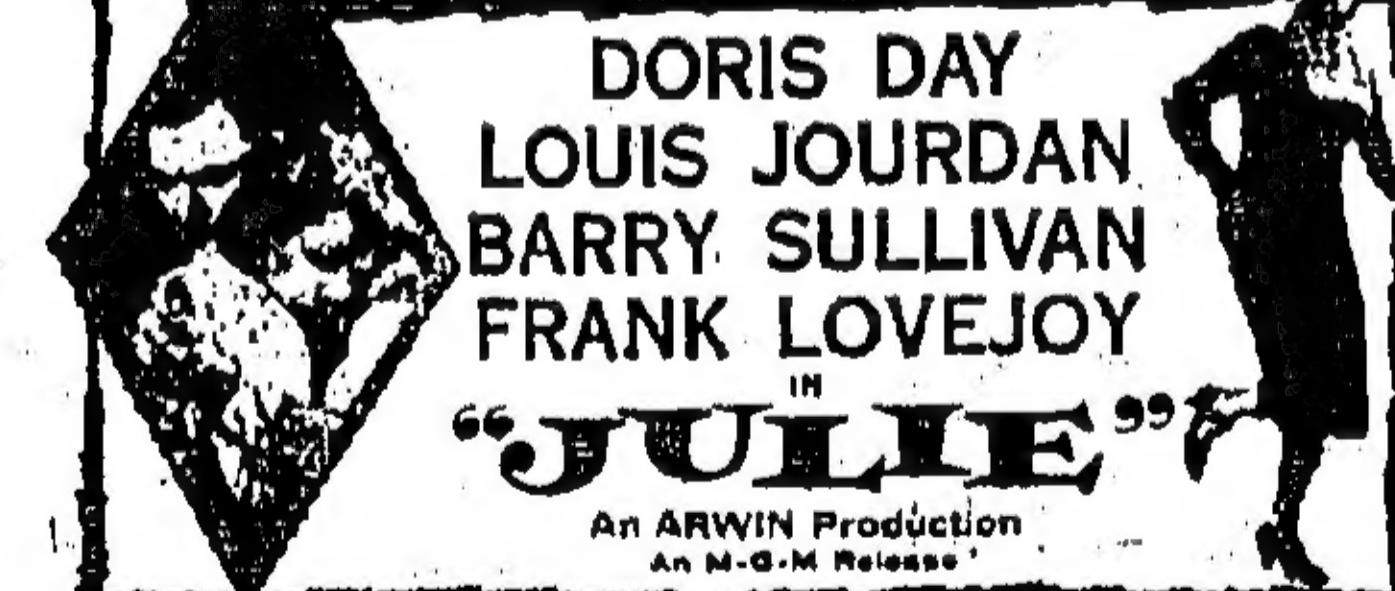
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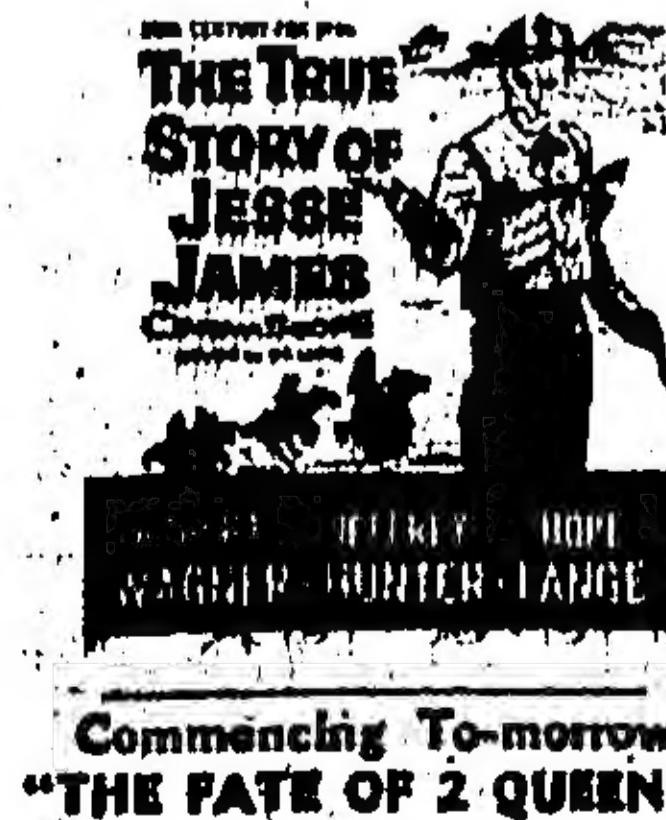
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The American note replied to a note of April 29 in which Japan asked the United States to consider the possibility of postponing a series of nuclear tests in Nevada. American officials said then that the United States probably would reject the Japanese request.

United States said today that it is in sympathy with Japan's desire that nuclear energy be limited exclusively to peaceful purposes and that no nuclear weapons tests be suspended. The United States said it has been working toward these goals since 1940.

The American note assured Japan that the Nevada tests starting on Thursday will be conducted under "extreme safety measures." It said the tests will not "result in any significant addition to radiation levels throughout the world" and added that the tests "will be of low-yield fission devices."

Until the time comes when tests can be halted, the note said, the United States would be willing to co-operate with other countries in a system of registering nuclear tests with United Nations. Japan, Canada and Norway recently issued such a proposal.

The note said, the United States "is hopeful" that agreement can be reached on limited international observation of nuclear tests.

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LINDA CHRISTIAN INDIGNANT**'It Was A Kiss Of Love,' Says Sorrowing Star**

Milan, May 13.

Film star Linda Christian emerged from her secluded hotel bedroom today to express indignation at reports that she gave crack racing motorist Marquis Alfonso de Portago a "kiss of death."

"Some newspaper said that at the Rome check-point I gave Alfonso the kiss of death," she murmured through a black hood draped over her face.

"This gives me great pain. I loved him, and my kiss was meant as a good luck kiss because it was a kiss of love."

She had also given him a note in Spanish showing the positions of various dealers. "Iador Marquis I had written 'te quiero mucho' (I love you a lot).

Miss Christian, who learned of de Portago's death in the Mille Miglia Race when she arrived at Milan Airport last night, said the Marquis would not listen to her pleadings.

His mother will tell me when she arrives this afternoon."

At the Milan International airport Miss Christian met the Marquis de Portago's mother and his brother Don Isidro Martin-Moniz, who arrived from Madrid in a chartered British Viking Air.

It was later stated that the body would be flown back to the Spanish capital tomorrow.—Router.

Not Quitting

"When he showed me his love, I asked him to give up racing. He replied: 'Not even for the greatest love in the world could I give it up. I shall not quit it until I win the World Championship.'

His career came to a tragic end yesterday when his car crashed, killing 11 spectators, five of them children, and his co-driver Eddy Nelson, an American.

Miss Christian went on: "I met him in Paris. I have known him only for the past six months.

"We were very much in love with each other. We planned to get married as soon as he had obtained a divorce."

Miss Christian, who wore mourning black, revealed that she had canceled all her film engagements so as to follow the Marquis in all his races.

Monte Carlo

"We had already booked train tickets for Monte Carlo. Here they are. He was to have taken part in the Grand Prix in Monte Carlo."

Miss Christian burst into tears when the news of de Portago's death was given to her last night.

Immediately she drove to the crash scene near Mantua.

Dr Giordano Lupetina, a friend of the film actress, said she wept silently all the way and broke down completely when she saw the car wreckage and the pools of blood.

She took off Portago's crash helmet and gently stroked it for several minutes. She wanted to keep it, but was told that the judicial authorities needed it for their investigations.

Fainted

Despite attempts to dissuade her, Miss Christian set out for the mortuary to see the body. She fainted and collapsed on the floor.

Returning to her Milan hotel room early today, she gave orders not to be disturbed.

"Now I don't know what to do," Miss Christian said.

I am completely confused and alone. I feel as though no one were left to me.

"I have no working engagements—nothing. I don't know where to go or what to do. I am only waiting to know what

London, May 13.
Mrs Margaret Macmillan, 73-year-old sister-in-law of British Premier Mr Harold Macmillan, accidentally drowned in her bath last Friday. It was disclosed today after a coroner's inquest.

Under British law, the inquest is mandatory in all cases of accidental death.

Mrs Macmillan suffered from dizzy spells and had apparently fainted in a bathtub full of hot water.—France-Presso.

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CHINESE POPULATION AND AGRICULTURE

How many rice bowls and how much rice?

by Richard Harris B.B.C.

CHINA'S Communist leaders have always been realistic—at least over internal affairs. Sometimes they will hammer away with their theories for a long time, but in the end, they usually face whatever facts there are, and in the last few weeks they have been facing the rock-bottom facts of China today.

What are these facts? They are quite simple. China wants to become industrialised, but China is an agricultural country. Therefore China must have an agricultural surplus to export so she can buy capital goods from the Russians and others. But—and this is the equation that must be balanced—China also has a larger population than any other country.

Five years ago if you had suggested to the Chinese that their task was going to be rather difficult because of their big population they would have brushed the objection aside and told you that Communism can take care of any numbers. Now, the return to realism is obvious from recent statements in Peking. The change probably began when the census of 1953 produced the first accurate answer to the question of how many Chinese there really were—582 million.

That must have shaken them in Peking, though the result of the shaking was not immediately apparent. But in the following year realism began to creep in when one of the members of the People's Congress suggested that periodic birth control might help, and it wasn't long afterwards that birth control clinics were being opened all over China; but still we were told that this was only to help women in spacing their children—talk of keeping down the population was dismissed.

BIRTH CONTROL official policy

Now, in 1957, that attitude has gone. Birth control is now the official policy and there is hardly any attempt to hide the reason—the equation isn't going to balance. There are too many mouths to feed and if they go on increasing at the

subsidiary measures have been legalised.

Slowing down the population increase touches one side of the problem; the other is growing more crops. A new campaign for this has begun. There was a large agricultural exhibition in Peking a few weeks ago and a conference of model agricultural workers urged to produce a bumper harvest in 1957. Teng Tsu-hui, the Communist director of agricultural policy, explained how important it was if the rate of China's industrialisation was not to be slowed down.

BAD LUCK

In two bad years

Of course we must remember that China has had rather bad luck since 1949. There have only been two really good years; floods and drought and pests have ruined crops in all the other years and 1954 and 1956 were two of the worst years—that is to say two bad years out of the three since the beginning. It will mean new homes and new crops and less crowding on the land in the crowded plains of North China.

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This appeal was straightforward and factual and urged the use of scientific method, but the peasants may find that co-operative farms may not be so efficient. We shall know more about that after next autumn's harvest. But there is one other way in which China is going about this business of population and food. One of the biggest migrations in history is being directed by the Government there to the underpopulated regions of the northeast and northwest of China. The drive to the northeast—or Manchuria as we still call it—has been going on for more than a century. Now the Government is shifting thousands of families way up to

Hainan Island, proving where the Amur river bends round to form the frontier between China and Russia.

The drive to the northwest means most of the land in Korea, Mongolia and Sinkiang not irrigation before it can take people and besides, there are different nomadic peoples living in these areas who may not take kindly to the newcomers. Still, it is going on and it is going to continue for the next 20 years.

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ROBIN HOOD AND MR SCHWEPPES!

-DON'T IMAGINE THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES

Washington.

BRITAIN'S interests may be neglected in Africa, Asia, and other outlandish parts, but I can tell you one thing—here in America we are colonising the States all over again:

Let me just give you an idea of the sort of thing that's going on now.

Those films

ITEM: The extent to which British films have captured United States TV is nothing short of sensational.

One major network alone runs 50 different programmes every week which feature only British films and are shown coast-to-coast—"Gilbert and Sullivan," "The Sound Barrier," H. G. Wells' novels like "The History of Mr. Polly," Gracie Fields in "We're Going to Be Rich," and so forth.

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So is another series called "Sir Lancelot," which is about

King Arthur's knights. As I flick my set on an evening I'm confronted with "Fabian of the Yard," "Sherlock Holmes," and "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

Ogilvy, shrewdly imaginative

Scotsman, heads a New York advertising concern and it was he who came up some years ago with the highly original and successful idea (which since had countless imitators) of the man with the black eyepatch to advertise shirts,

way—and it will be really something if a British musical at long last proves a boffo on Broadway instead of a flop.

That show

ITEM: One of the biggest gulls at the Jamestown Festival down in Virginia, which commemorates the 350th anniversary of the colonising of the State by the English, is the British pavilion. It is earning tremendous praise, and when an official of the Central Office of Information in London, Harold Midgley, came out from London last year carrying the architect's drawings for our pavilion, the Americans took one look at them—and begged Midgley to help them design the other pavilions, which he duly did.

Midgley was lionised. In Jamestown—they put a big car at his disposal and he scarcely ever needed to buy himself a meal.

Well, if and when the Queen does come over to visit Jamestown, she will find that more than just Virginia has been colonised by the British—the whole country is in a fair way to join us.

And now...

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ITEM: On Broadway, besides "Fair Lady" we've got Dame Sybil Thorndike and Robert Flemyng doing very nice business in Graham Greene's "Potting Shed"—and, of course, Eric Portman and Margaret Leighton still packing 'em in for a good cry at "Separate Tables," by Terence Rattigan.

He started a three-to-one underdog but won all the way. Now there are cheers for British boxing in the American Press. I never thought to see the day!

That girl

ITEM: "Zuleika," with Audrey Hepburn, is headed this

CHAPTER 3 His Own Outfit

were the Reno Club, Fairland Park and Plaza ballrooms, Tower and Main Street theatres, and the Frog Hop ballroom, a little way out of the city.

Like Duke Ellington and Fletcher Henderson, Moten's orchestra brought orchestral qualities to big band jazz. The ensemble had a freshness of tonal blending. And the exuberant Basie-inspired rhythm section became one of the reasons why Kansas City grew famous for its solid rhythms.

Basie's punchy, sparse-noted piano style was just right for the Moon band sound. Since those days, Basie has often sold out, indebted to his chunky old mid-West bandleader. For arranging scores and playing with the band for a number of years, he learnt a great deal about moulding an orchestra jazzy-wise. Much that he learnt he later modified and used for his own band.

First group

But Benjie Moten fell ill. The day came when he was not able to leave with the band for an appointment in Denver. He stayed in Kansas City for an operation.

As the boys were in the middle of the first night at Denver, Bus Moten was called off the stand to answer the telephone. His brother had died on the operating table.

All the musicians in the band had a great respect for Benjie and the news was a hard blow to them. The band carried on as best they could, under Bus's leadership, but broke up after some six months.

"Some of my fellow members in the Moten band joined me, and I organised my first small group," says Basie. In 1935 he enlarged the outfit, and eventually it grew to its present size.

"I don't mind saying it was a mad scuffle with that band," he recalls. "We were in and out of the Reno Club for a year before things even started to look up. That's where Benny Goodman and John Hammond came in."

And that entry marked the turning point in Basie's career.

Russia puts out the Red carpet for holidaymakers

They'll even subsidise your spending money—to allow you to buy beer at 8s. a bottle

by PETER CHAMBERS

Vladimir Smirnov, the smiling, 38-year-old London agent of Russia's Intourist Bureau, speaks English with an effort. But Mr Smirnov got his message across to me.

"Come to Russia," he said. "We want many, many British tourists in the U.S.S.R."

A 13-day tour of Russia would cost me about £125, everything—hotels, meals, excursions and transport 16s. from London—Included. This is the basic price of a third class tour, and relative to the distance covered, it is cheap.

Not only that. The Russian government would actually pay me £2.5s. a day "pocket money" for every day I spent in the U.S.S.R.

"You will need the money," said Mr Smirnov, who is a Moscow University graduate in economics. "We earn so many more rubles in Russia..."

This seemed a mixed-up Moscow way of explaining a familiar economic fact—that the Russian ruble is pegged at about four times its real value in sterling. The big deterrent to holidays in Russia has always been this artificial exchange rate. It means that a bottle of beer costs you 8s. in Russia instead of 2s.

Yet the Russian government—for the first time in nearly 20 years—is making a real effort to attract British tourists in 1957.

Under the new dispensation even British visitors to Russia, rich or poor, will be paid £2.5s. a day for the duration of his stay. It is meant to cover the cost of cigarettes, postcards, souvenirs—even the odd bottle of beer.

HALF PRICE

Other subsidies have been arranged. There are half-price rail fares from the frontier to the start of the tour, and free rail travel thereafter.

"We are building new hotels and restaurants," beamed Mr Smirnov—he is, significantly, the first Intourist agent to be appointed to London since 1939.

"Soon, it is said, you will be able to drive into Russia in your own car."

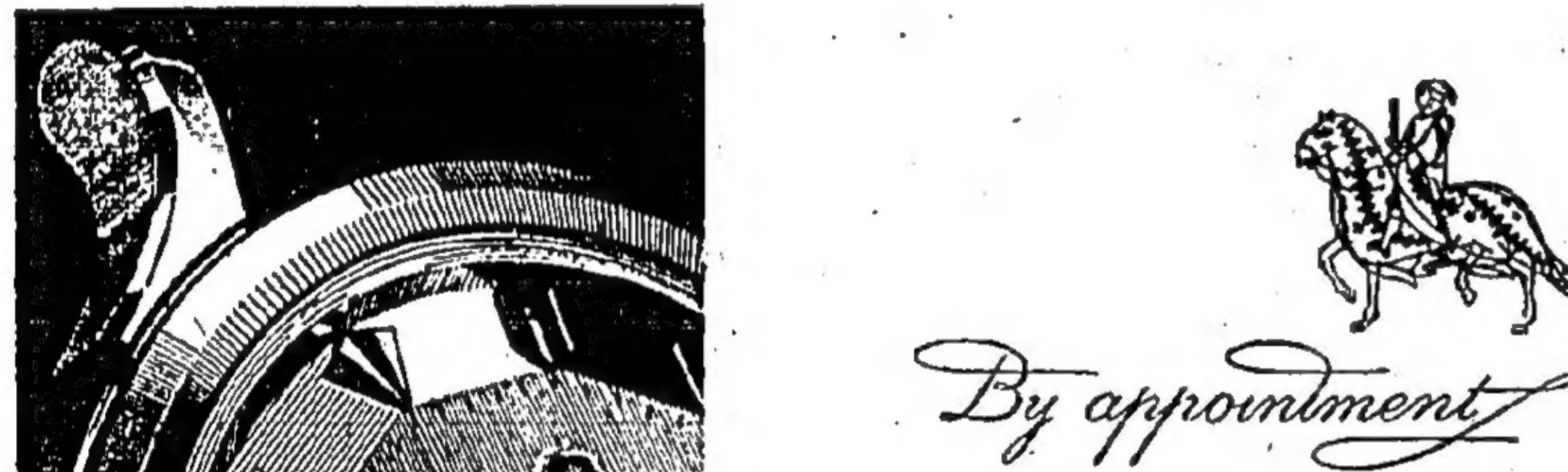
The Intourist Bureau is promoting its Come to Russia drive by Press advertising and brochures, like any capitalist organisation. A 40-page booklet tells you Where to Go. A bumper issue of the Russian Embassy newspaper, Soviet Weekly, carries a bikini-clad blonde on the cover and five pages of stories and pictures.

PROGRESS

Times have changed indeed. In 1956 not a single Intourist visa was refused. Now Britons are offered hard rubles and free transport as well.

How successful has the Come to Russia campaign been?

"Since we started advertising in the British Press in January,



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BY THE WAY.

by Beachcomber

THE moment has evidently come for me to publish bits of what is happening to him. That comes the fight, and there is a theme of despair, and is crammed with violence, equal degradation, stark horror, wild poetry, and turgid symbolism.

It is called "Never Go Up," because there is a balloon on the stage all through the play, and it never goes up. The only other thing on the stage throughout the three acts is a large dog-kennel, to which the balloon is tethered. This subtle symbolism suggests the monotony and hopelessness of life. The characters are a deaf beggar, who is disguised as a dog, in order to be treated kindly, a retired lightkeeper, a sentimental laundress, a murderer, and a peevish mechanic.

Never Go Up

THE play opens with a drunken brawl between the burglar and the lightkeeper, who live in the kennel. They fall asleep while cursing each other, and the deaf beggar, entering silently, kicks them out, cursing the moon and the stars in blank verse. The mechanic, who is blindfolded, is led to the kennel by the laundress, who tries to strangle him, but the beggar knocks her down. The two drunks wake, and a fight for the kennel breaks out; the mechanic complaining that he cannot see and divided by 3½?

For a wet Thursday

10, 20, 3, 9, 47, 6, 4. Can you arrange these numbers in two, backwards? So that the total, when added up, comes to exactly three-fifths of the same numbers arranged in threes and divided by 3½?

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 14

BORN today, you are one of those lively, hearty individuals: who appear to float triumphantly through life with the greatest of ease. You men are cheerful joiners, "good fellows" wherever you go and seem to make friends with everyone. You have a magnetic personality, charm and impetuous emotions and are beloved by those with whom you work. You are known to "blow your top," however, if things do not go as you direct them. But, fortunately, once your steam is blown off, you cool down almost at once and are more affable than ever.

You women are especially fond of dancing and parties. You will probably shine socially and become the leader of your group. You would make a fine wife for some ambitious man—you know all the techniques of making friends and holding them. Fortunately these same people are apt to gain by their association with you, so the score is evened.

Both you men and women have excellent taste when it

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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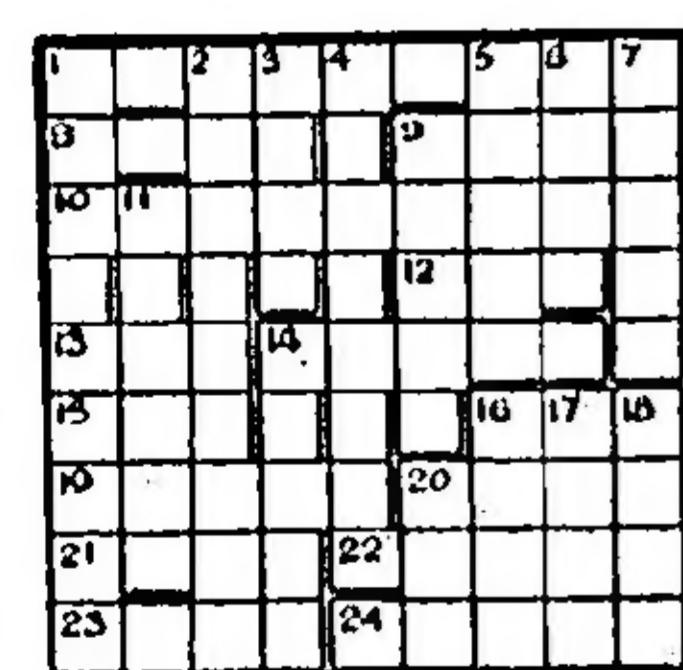
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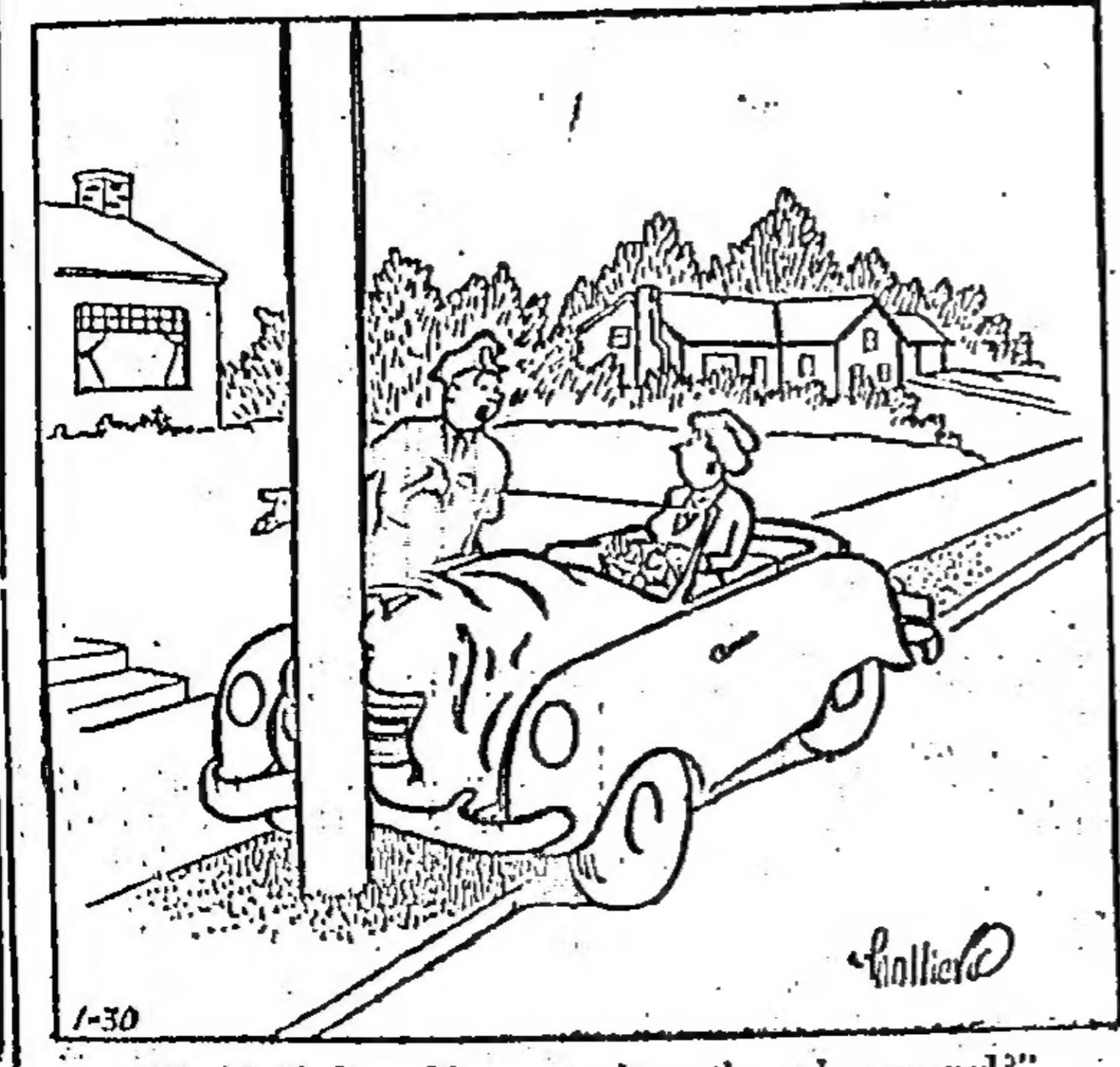
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CROSSWORD



This Funny World



"Would Madame like me to have the pole removed?"

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Spade Uppercut Sets Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is No. 4 from the Intercollegiate championship.

It is a two-way par. North-South must get to four spades and East-West must defeat the contract. If North-South fail to bid four spades then East and West get an automatic par since

NORTH		21
♦	7 6 5	
♥	7 6 3	
♦	Q A Q J 7 4	
WEST	EAST	
♦ 10 8 4	♦ J 3	
♥ 9 8 6	♥ 10 7 5 4 3	
♦ K Q 10 9 4 2	♦ A 5	
♦ 4 0	♦ K 5 3 2	
SOUTH (D)		
♦ A K Q 2		
♦ A K Q J 2		
♦ J 8		
♦ 10 9 8		
South (West) North (East)		
Pass	2 ♠ Pass	
2 ♥ Pass	4 ♣ Pass	
Pass	Pass	
Opening lead—♦ K		

they have no chance to operate. There is no difficulty in the bidding. North chooses the two-cut response because he wants to show both his strength and where most of it is. When South rebids to two hearts, North jumps to four spades and South takes a look at his two diamonds and passes quickly.

If West opens his singleton club, declarer plays the ace from dummy, cashes the ace of hearts, draws trumps, discards dummy's diamonds on his hearts and concedes a trick to the king of clubs.

However, a club lead is not indicated. West should open his king of diamonds. East must overtake with the ace and return the suit. West will win the queen and play another diamond.

Now it is up to East to make the killing play. He must ruff with the jack of trumps.

This play is known as the "uppercut." If declarer over-ruffs with one of his high trumps then West will make his ten-spot. If declarer discards then East and West have three tricks in and East will still make his king of clubs.

On the bidding has been:

North: East: South: West: 1 ♠ 1 ♥ ?

You, South, hold:

♦ A 7 4 9 5 ♦ A 8 6 4 ♠ Q 9 8 4 3

What do you do?

—Bid two hearts. You are very interested in a slam and this bid is the best way to start in that direction.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♦ A K 7 ♦ J 10 9 4 ♠ K 3 ♠ A J 9 6 5

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

L	E	G
A	L	E
B	T	A

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the word TARGET? The letters in each row must be used, the letters in each column must be used, the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word.

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WORLD OF SPORT

Tommy Lawton May Get Managership Of Notts County?

By DEREK JOHN

Some people are never satisfied. Frank Broome took over the acting management of Notts County in mid-season. The club were in a seemingly hopeless position, and almost certain to be relegated to the Third Division.

But under Broome's guidance, they steered clear of the danger zone, and escaped the drop.

So the directors slap Frank on the back, and appoint him permanent manager. Not likely! The directors won't tell Broome a thing. He doesn't know whether he will be asked to stay or not, despite his obvious popularity with the players, and more important, the results he has achieved.

Instead, the rumours are buzzing around Nottingham that former County and England centre forward Tommy Lawton, will get the job next season.

A split in the board on this question doesn't make it any happier for Broome.

Black marks to the County board. They deserve a load of trouble, if they sack Broome, now. And they'll probably get it.

TENNIS STAR

Christina Truman, the 16-year-old star of British lawn tennis, may give up the game. Or at least her mother says so. And all because of a dispute with the Lawn Tennis Association as to whether Sheila Armstrong, another pupil of the LTA's chief coach, George Worthington, was getting more practice and better facilities.

Because Miss Armstrong was given some coaching by Worthington and had a knock with Mrs Mary Halford, the Wightman Cup captain, and

in their World Cup games this summer, has been settled.

Charles, the Welsh giant who cashed in something like £10,000 when he moved to Italian club Juventus, has been given permission to play by his millionaire boss, providing Wales take out sufficient insurance coverage.

Wales have agreed to this condition, and the result is that Charles will play for Wales against Eastern Germany at Leipzig on May 19, against Czechoslovakia in Prague on May 26, and in the return game with Eastern Germany at Cardiff in September.

WALKING CHAMPION

Vic Stone (Polytechnic Hawlers), the English 100 miles walking champion, will compete in the Belgian International 100 kilometres road walk at Marche, near Charleroi on May 11.

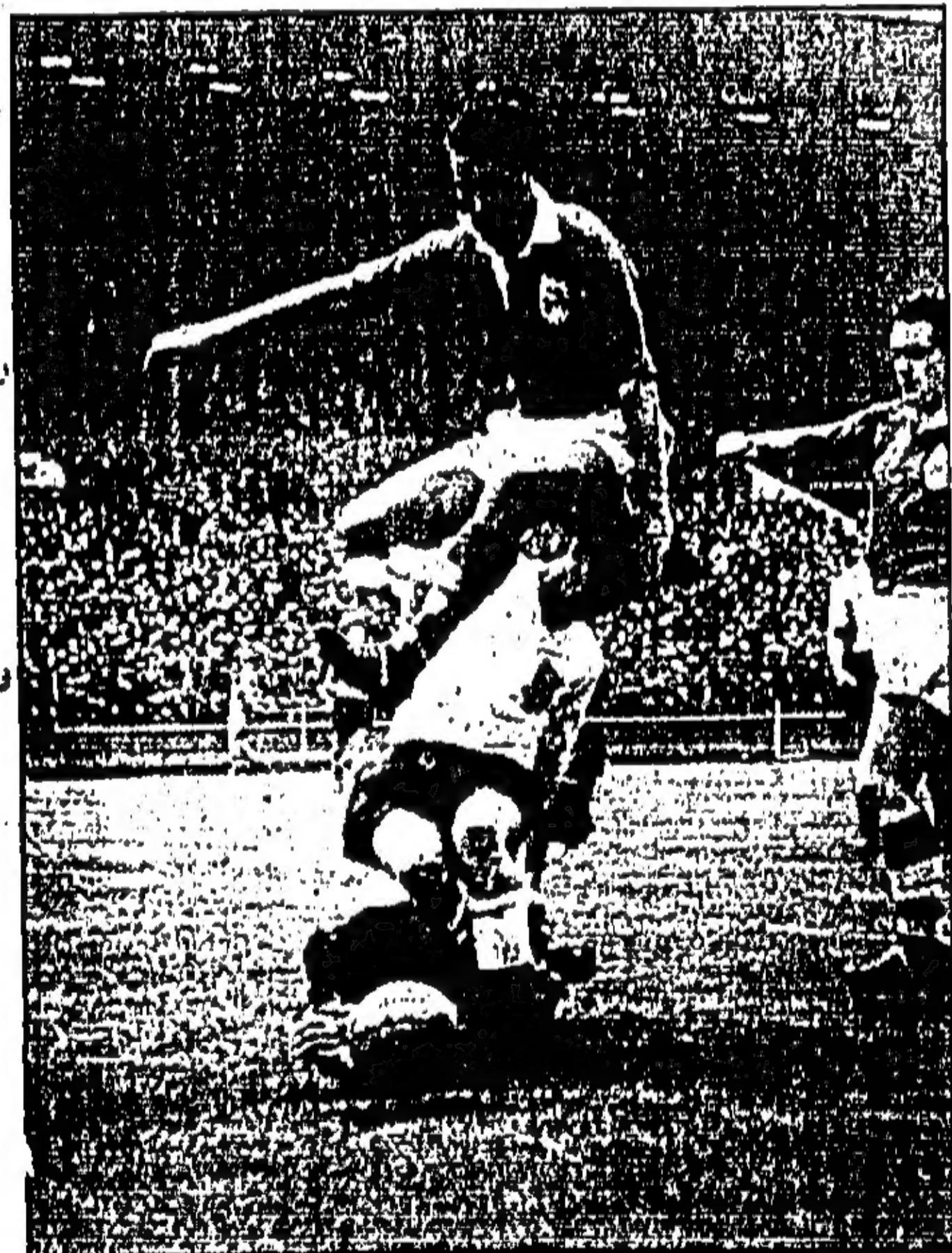
So Dai Dower has given in at last! Yet the British and Empire Flyweight Champion has relinquished those titles on the understanding that when he comes out of the Army he will be regarded as No. 1 challenger.

From July and until the end of his Army service, Dower will box as often as possible as a bantamweight.

A courageous and sensible decision by Dower, that will be applauded by even his severest critics after that unfortunate affair in Buenos Aires against Pasquel Perez.

The "will he, won't he?" bother over John Charles' scheduled appearances for Wales

A HUMAN PYRAMID?



Ever wondered what it feels like to be the base man in a human pyramid? Republic of Ireland goalkeeper Alan Kelly knows. He's on the bottom and England's inside left Johnny Haynes isn't feeling too happy, either. He's in the middle. Luckiest of the three is Ireland's left back Noel Cantrell. He's on top.

This was an incident in the World Cup game at the Empire Stadium, Wembley, London on May 8. To add to Kelly's woes, England won 5-1.—Reuter-photo.

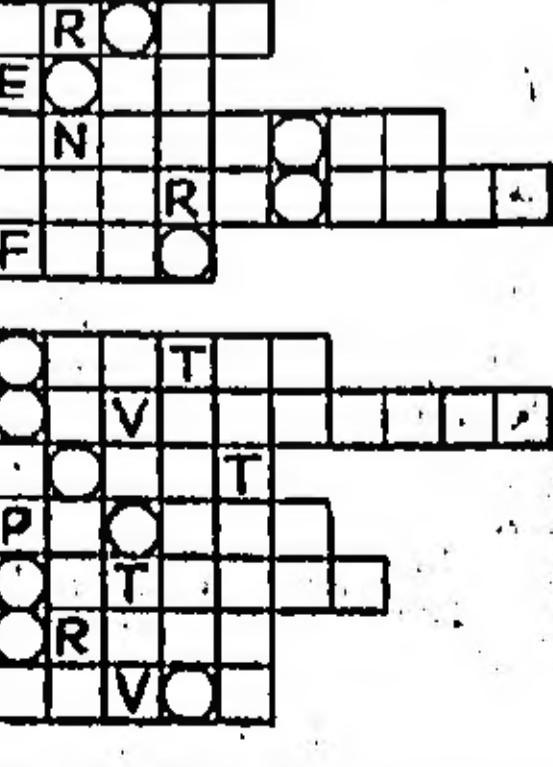
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- 2 Revise manuscript?
- 3 Plotting
- 4 Newspaper man
- 5 Seasons
- 6 Author
- 7 Explosives
- 8 Quick street
- 9 Copper
- 10 Object
- 11 Punishment too?
- 12 Thames or Severn?

Solution on Page 9

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



Going by air?
then BE SPECIFIC



FLY CATHAY PACIFIC

Henry Thody, our Special Correspondent in Italy, gives a preview of the fantastic life that Welsh international soccer player John Charles and his family will have in that sun-drenched land now that he has joined the Juventus Club. He tells how . . .

SOCER CRAZY ITALY TREATS HER STARS LIKE ELDER STATESMEN

When Mrs Peggy Charles moves to Italy in a few weeks' time she will think she married a movie star, instead of a £12-a-week-footballer.

For in Italy top soccer players get the movie or television star treatment. Not only are national figures, mobbed by fans wherever they go—but they get rich share of the "jolly" (money), as John Charles likes to call it.

A day in the new life of the £65,000 record transfer John Charles will make his former teammates in Britain pop with envy.

The Charles will live in a brand-new flat in the centre of Milan, possibly in the new skyscraper building with a magnificent panoramic view of the countryside from the sun balcony.

Or if Mrs Charles prefers it, a house in the country. Either way, there will be a fast flat convertible in the garage, so distance will be no problem.

The flat will be completely furnished by the club, with Miss Charles picking the furnishings from Turin's smartest stores. They will include ice-box, 21-inch television set, all-electric kitchen—everything except a washing-machine.

The head-waiter rushed towards us. "Congratulations! That was a magnifico goal last Sunday. Of course we have a table for you!" A table reserved for shipping magnate was quickly given to us.

"You know, they treat me like a film-star or something. It's a bit embarrassing," said Firmani rather bashfully.

"When we win a game the butcher rushes around to give us a fresh beefsteak for dinner, the greengrocer rushes up oranges, then the flowers pour in for Pat."

"Italy is soccer crazy—and I'm not complaining!" he added. Now let's examine the 26-year-old John Charles' finances. First there is £10,000 in connection with the transfer, a sum now safely in his bank account. His earnings will depend on the number of games won, for win in Italy can mean £100 bonus to each player. Signor Firmani, president of the Juventus Club and next to the Fiat in millions, has promised Charles he will come around £3,000 a year with wages, bonuses and 'perks.'

With rent about £8 a week, £2, 10, 0; food £12 for the family of five, I reckon that the quiet-living Charles should be able to save £1,500 a year.

After two years Charles will be free either to sign on again with Juventus or to sign up with another Italian club. In either case another £10,000 signing-on fee is likely to find

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Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

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Enrolment: The following persons have been enrolled as Auxiliary Firemen. Name, rank, age, sex, address, date of birth, date of enrolment.

(Sgt.) Peter Cheung, Deputy Sgt., A.F.S. NO. 114.

Band Concert: The A.F.S. Band will give a public performance on Sunday, 19th May 1957 at the Macpherson Hall, 10th Floor, 100 Nathan Road, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 hours. All members their families, relatives and/or friends are cordially invited to attend.

A. F. S. CLUB NEWS

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'Little America' Down Under AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION RECEIVES BOOST FROM IMMIGRATION

By JAMES SHRIMPTON

Melbourne, May 13. With a powerful boost from immigration, Australia's population is rising rapidly towards the 10 million mark. In 25 years, the Department of Immigration predicts, 20 million people will live in this island continent, 32 times the size of the United Kingdom.

About 1,150,000 immigrants have landed in Australia since the World War II, roughly half of them from Britain and two-thirds of the remainder from Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Germany and Greece.

Of the Britons, approximately half have travelled the 12,000 miles to Australia under an assisted-passenger scheme at a cost, to many, of less than a week's wages.

For £10 sterling, one-twelfth of the cheapest unassisted passage by sea, a qualified Briton can start a new life in a country of higher pay, higher prices, greater opportunities and summer skies — with a dash of homesickness thrown in.

How he leaves his two-storey semi-detached British home for a white-painted weatherboard bungalow in Australia is explained by Australia's Immigration Minister, Mr Athol Townley.

Odds Favourite

Replies recently to a newspaper report that it is apparently harder for Billy Brown of Leeds to get here than it was for Giuseppe Giotto of Naples, Mr Townley said: "Billy is an odds favourite against Giuseppe in the immigration stakes, and Australia's money is on Billy."

Billy has three ways of emigrating to Australia, with the Australian people paying more than £100 sterling of his £120 sterling fare, and only about £10 sterling to pay himself. They are:

1. He may be sponsored by anyone in Australia who can provide suitable accommodation for him;

2. He may be sponsored by an employer who can offer suitable accommodation; and

3. He can be nominated by the Commonwealth of Australia itself if his occupation is one of those listed by the Department of Labour and National Service for this purpose.

Billy could also, of course, pay his full fare himself, and emigrate to Australia at any time by sea or air.

Accommodation

Accommodation is a stumbling block for many otherwise "good-type, would-be immigrants" from Britain, Mr Townley said. "They want to come here and we want them, but there is no room for them in the British immigrant hostels."

To solve the problem, the Australian Government has launched a "bring-out-a-Briton" campaign. Local government bodies, community organizations, churches and public-minded citizens are to be canvassed to form committees who will find accommodation and employment vacancies and so help increase the proportion of Britons among the nation's immigration intake.

Meanwhile, Giuseppe Giotto, from Naples, finds it more difficult to get here. To obtain an assisted passage, he must be on the Department of Labour and National Service's list of tradesmen or workers in real demand. Australia then pays about £40 sterling towards his fare, leaving him, his government and the International Inter-governmental Committee for Europe on Migration to pay the rest.

Even if he is willing to pay his full fare, Giuseppe cannot immigrate to Australia unless he has been sponsored here by an Italian who has proved to the government that Giuseppe is a close, dependent relative. This restriction was imposed, Mr Townley explained, when it appeared that the intake of southern Europeans "could get out of proportion in our balanced planned immigration programme."

Reception Centre

When Billy leaves London with his wife and two children land in Australia from a liner, they are taken to a reception centre where they are given a reception centre ticket to the immigrants

Mountie Meets Pikeman



SOUTH AFRICA TO OBSERVE US SATELLITES

Pretoria, May 13.

Observation of geophysical phenomena and of the behaviour of artificial satellites in orbit is to be the main contribution of the Union of South Africa to the International Geophysical Year, which will last from July 1957 to December 1958.

New techniques developed during the past 20 years, particularly for studying the ionosphere and the meteorology of the upper atmosphere have produced great advances in the various branches of this study.

But the only hope of a better understanding of the complex inter-relationships between geophysical phenomena, especially those which are directly or indirectly due to the sun's activity, is by observing them simultaneously in many parts of the world.

One reason why the "year" is to last in fact for 18 months is to enable observations to be carried right through a period when the sun's activity will be at or near its maximum. In other words, at a time when sun spots (the outbursts on the sun known as solar flares) and other solar disturbances will be frequent.

South Africa's total estimated expenditure on geophysical research for the years 1956-57 will be £275,000, including £131,000 on normal departmental activities co-ordinated with the International Geophysical Year programme.

Primary Orbits

Amman, May 13.

The Jordanian Government

recently ordered a major shuffle of key military, diplomatic and civilian administrative appointments including the replacement of Jordan's Embassy staff in Cairo.

The Cairo Embassy staff—In-

cluding the Ambassador, Fawzi

Al Mukri—have been recalled to

Amman. The new Ambassador

to Egypt will be Abdul Munim

Rifai, Jordanian United States

Ambassador and UN delegate.

Mr Mukri is expected to take

over at the Washington embassy.—

Reuters.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE AREA Participation Of Colonies Still Uncertain

From RONALD BOXALL

London, May 13. Members of Parliament are not very concerned it seems about the position of the colonial territories if Britain joins the proposed European Free Trade Area.

It was only just before the end of a wide-ranging six and a half hour colonial debate in the Commons last week that the matter was first mentioned—by Mr Arthur Creech Jones, a former Socialist Colonial Secretary.

Yet in the opening words of his reply to the debate, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, Secretary of State said the European Free Trade Area was "probably the most important matter that this Parliament will have to consider."

He pleaded lack of time for not dealing more fully with the subject. But he did say that the interests of the colonies were being closely watched in relation both to the European Common Market of six nations (now awaiting ratification) and the Free Trade Area, which it is proposed to associate with it.

Final Attitude

If Government are not saying much on the subject it does not mean they are not doing anything. Their final attitude will depend on the replies of the colonial governments who have been asked to give their views.

Meanwhile the Free Trade Area is the subject of frequent diplomatic exchanges between Britain and her European partners—and the question of the colonial territories' part in it is high on the agenda.

The matter will also be given a thorough airing at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' London Conference before a final decision is taken.

Last week European free trade was discussed in London between the British Government and top-ranking French Ministers, and again in Bonn between Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan and Dr Adenauer, the Federal German Chancellor.

But though the discussion to date has taken full account of interests of colonial territories the main issue is still whether, and in what form Britain itself will join the Free Trade Area. If for one reason or another the ultimate arrangements are unacceptable to Britain, the question of colonial participation automatically disappears.

Yielded Ground

However, this is extremely unlikely to happen. In fact Britain has taken the initiative in negotiations for a Free Trade Area in Europe and would be very loth to see the plan dropped.

To prevent this happening, Britain has already yielded some ground to its European neighbours. After the Bonn Conference, Mr Macmillan said that Britain had insisted that free trade in Europe should be limited to industrial goods—thus excluding the Commonwealth agricultural products which are the main beneficiaries of Imperial Preference. But this, the Prime Minister added, did not mean that a policy of "exceptions and arrangements" could not be made to meet the problems of individual countries.

This had been interpreted in some quarters as a hint that Britain is prepared to water down its previous insistence on the inviolability of Imperial Preference for the sake of seeing European free trade become a reality.

Britain's determination to see the scheme go through is also discernible in other results of recent diplomatic exchanges. The communiqué issued after Anglo-French talks said Britain has welcomed the signature of the Treaty of Rome, setting up the European Common Market, and the French Foreign Minister had stressed France's continued support of the plan for a European Free Trade Area to be associated with it.

Concern Expressed

This is significant because some concern had been expressed both in Britain and on the Continent at the

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$480,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

BANKS
HSBC Bank

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Union XD

Land ETC
Wheaton

DOCKS, ETC.
K.W.Harbour

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Union XD

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WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York

London, May 13. New rubber futures today closed 40 to 70 points higher with sales of 121 contracts.

May 31.25
June 31.55
Sept. 31.56-59
Nov. 31.25-31
Jan. 30.90-10
Mar. 30.70

Standard contract closed 40 to 70 points higher with no sales reported.

May 31.25
June 31.55
Sept. 31.75
Nov. 31.50-55
Jan. 30.90-10
Mar. 30.70

London's full response to Friday's advance, plus a broader dealer interest and the scarcity of shipment offerings from the Far East, were the price shaping influences. A routine factors' interest was created in the delivered market. Spot No. 1 Bsf was quoted at 32½ cents a pound.

SINGAPORE

There was a better sentiment in the market today with some factory and trade buying. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. June 90½-90¾

No. 2 rubber per lb. July 90½-91

No. 4 83½-85

Spot rubber unbacked 81½-82

Eastern crepe 81-82

No. 1 pale crepe 77-78

LONDON

The rubber market was steady with spot quoted at 26½ pence per lb. FOB:

No. 1 rubber 20½-21

Settlement house term: June 20½-27

July/September 20½-27

January/March 20½-27

April/June 20½-27

General market set base 20½-27

May 20½-27

June 20½-27

Estate crepe thin M.M. 20½-27

Amsterdam

The rubber market was quietly steady. Prices closed in guilders per kilogram, cif June as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.00 buyers

No. 2 rubber 2.25 buyers

No. 1 crepe 2.77 buyers

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

London, May 13. Closing rates were:

Canada (per £1) \$1.04-22/32

England (per £1) 1.04-22/32

Australia (per £1) 2.22/31

New Zealand 2.22/31

India 3.00-3.04

Pakistan 2.00

Others unchanged—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Prices were done in the local market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 0.27

Australian dollar (per £1) 1.20

Indonesian rupiah (per £1) 12.10

Singapore (per £1) 1.20

—United Press.

RESISTANCE LEVEL ATTAINED ON WALL STREET

New York, May 13. Industrial stocks today closed above the magic 500-level in the averages for the first time since mid-September 1956.

Spirited demand for oils, steels, metals and special issues triggered the successful assault on the 500-level, where the market had net stiff resistance many times in the past.

Some profit-taking developed after the market had crossed this line, but there was enough demand to absorb most of the selling. Individual gains in the industrial list ranged to more than 4 points.

The railroad average was depressed, principally reflecting a loss of 1½ points in Louisville. Utilities improved fractionally, bringing their average to a new 20-year high.

The oil supplied the fuel for the market's rise, which responded to Britain's announcement that its ships once again were free to use the Suez Canal and that negotiations would be held with Egypt to settle financial differences stemming from seizure of the vital waterway.

New Rise

Some market exports felt the breaking of the key 500-level may be the signal for a new bull market rise, one which may possibly carry the industrial average above its all-time high of \$21.05, set on April 6, 1956.

Sales totalled 2,720,000 shares, up 200,000 shares from Friday and the best for any session since April 23, when 2,900,000 shares changed hands.

The most active issues, in order, were Benguet Mining, Olin Matheson, Bethlehem Steel, Getty Oil, when issued, and General Motors.

Of the 1,149 issues traded, 532 advanced, 381 declined and 200 were unchanged. New highs were rung up by 100 issues and new lows were set by 26.

American Exchange sales today dropped to 890,000 shares from 930,000 on Friday.

Total volume amounted to \$3,990,000 against \$3,990,000 on Friday.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy 18½
Allied Chemicals 87½
American Can Co. 30
Aldi Chalmers 30
American Airline 18½
American Cable Radio Corp. 35½
American Can Co. 30
Amer. & Frgm. Power 10½
Am. Mach. & Fdry. 40
American Metal 50
American Tel. & Tel. 170½
American Tob. "B" 73½
American Copper 60
Amino Steel 60
Armour 14½
Atlas Corp. Mining 18½
Baltimore & Ohio 45½
Beneficial Finance 21
Benguet Mining Corp. 60
Bethlehem Steel 40
Boeing Airplane 60
Borden (Trd.) 60
Burroughs Add. Machines 40½
Canadian Pacific R. 30½
Case (J.I.) Pac. 10
Caterpillar Tractor 30
Colgate-Palmolive Co. 15½
C.I.T. Financial Corp. 44½
Chrysler Motors 77½
Coca-Cola Co. 70
Colombian Carbon Co. 41½
Commercial Credit 51½
Consolidated Edison 44½
Continental Oil of Del. 65½
Crown Zellerbach 62
Lubrizol Corp. 25
Diamond Alkali 64½
Douglas Aircraft 64½
E. I. du Pont de Nemours 100
Eastern Airline 97½
Eastern Kodak 97½
Eastman Kodak Gas 60½
Family Finance Corp. 60½
Firestone Tires & Rubber 60½
Ford Motor 60
General Electric 60
General Motors 60
Gent. Oil 73½
Glidden Co. 30½
Goodrich (B. F.) Co. 70½
Gulf Oil 149½
Heyden Newport Corp. 14
Imperial Chemical Inds. 87½
Ingraham-Band 87½
Inland Steel Co. 62½
International Corp. 40½
International Nickel 112½
International Paper 102½
John-Manville Co. 62½
Kaiser C. Power & Light 100½
Kempton Copper Co. 60½
Kodak-Maxxol T. Co. 60½
Lockheed Aircraft 40½
Loewy's Incorp. 20
Lubrizol Corp. Co. 20
Lowenstein & Sons 100½
McDonnell Aircraft (Am.) 100½
Mobil Oil Corp. 50½
Minerite Mining 25½
Montrose Chemical Co. 60½
National Gypsum Co. 60½
Motorola Inc. 60½
National Lead 100½
National Steel Corp. 60½
New York Central 60½
Nordisk Papirfabrik 60½
Orvis Brothers & Co. 60½
Pac. American Turf Co. 60½
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Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot 25.25½
July 24.92½
October 23.77½
December 23.78½
March 23.79½
May 23.80½
July 23.81½
October 23.78½

New Orleans

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot (cents per lb. fob) 5.80

Contract No. 6 (domestic) 5.80-60

Benicia 5.83-67

October 5.70

March 4.45

May 4.45

September 4.45

Spot (cents per lb. fob) 5.80

Contract No. 6 (domestic) 5.80-60

Old contract 5.81-82

Oct./Nov. 5.81

Dec./Jan. 5.83

Mar./Apr. 5.83

New contract May/June 5.83

—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

MABEL IN SPRINGTIME

In the spring an old lady's fancy turns, if she has spirit, to thoughts of something new to wear, or to have about her. So Mabel's fancy did.

She came into Central London to visit a store at which, in the old days, she had shopped for all her family.

The store is one of those that becomes a kind of habit with a family, so that mothers pass on to daughters the names of favoured assistants and expect would-be sons-in-law to account for them.

A HABIT

On this occasion, Mabel came to shop-gaze rather than to shop, to take pleasure at second-hand in looking at things displayed for people with money to buy.

Mabel had not much more money than her fare from the suburbs, for since her husband died, 10 years ago, her only income has been a £2 widow's pension, and most of that sum has given to her daughter, with whom she lives.

Not that Mabel grumbles. She belongs to a generation taught to count its blessings and is grateful for her home and the love that surrounds her.

SOMETHING GAY

But the store's displays were tempting, and at one counter Mabel succumbed to temptation. She stole a gay, scarlet notecase—just the thing to brighten a faded handbag whose chief property was that it was usually rather empty.

At Bow Street, Mabel pleaded guilty to the theft, and said: "I don't know what came over me. I was just walking round the store, which I knew so well years ago, and then..."

"Is your daughter here?" asked Sir Laurence Dunne.

"No, I didn't let her come, because she's not well, and want her to get better," Mabel said.

"Well, you mustn't do this again," said Sir Laurence "for if you do it could be very serious, in spite of your age."

"Oh no, I wouldn't," said Mabel. She was discharged conditionally, and she bustled away, into the gay and pretty springtime.

China Braces For Year's Calamities

Park, May 12.
China's Ministry of the Interior has issued a nation-wide directive warning the people of destruction from possible "natural calamities" occurring this year. Radio Peking reported today.

Quoting forecasts made by Peking's Central Meteorological Station, the Ministry pointed out the unusual abundance of rainfall in many parts of the country and if the situation continued, flood might occur in the forthcoming months.

The directive also warned people in typhoon areas along the coastal areas of East and South China to be prepared to cope with typhoons in the summer.

Last year one of the most devastating typhoons in 50 years—"Typhoon Wands"—struck East China and particularly Shanghai with full fury, causing widespread damage.

Businessman Charged

Mak Man-sang, 51, of 2 Seymour Road, top floor, a business manager, was this morning charged at Central Magistrate with dealing in tobacco. He without a licence from the Department of Commerce and Industry, on divers dates between January 1, and May 11, at Room 505-6, Holland House.

Defendant represented by Mr. I. R. MacCallum, of Wilkington and Grist. Mr. MacCallum acted for a seven days' period. This was granted by Mr. Hinsching Lo.

Mak is on Police bail of \$500.

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"PRACTICAL JOKE" COSTS \$300

Li Shiu-moo, 24, unemployed, who admitted he had put salt into the petrol tank of a private car as a "practical joke" was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$200 compensation by Mr. Hinsching Lo at Central Court this morning.

Li pleaded guilty to unlawful and malicious damage to the car which was parked at the junction of Mosque Street on the evening of last Friday. The owner of the car, Mr. Matthew Y. K. Woo, a merchant, told the court he paid more than \$200 for repairs to the car.

Sub-Asst. I.C. Scott, prosecuting, said his defendant had asked Mr. Woo not to leave his car in a car park at the junction of Mosque Road.

Mr. Woo nevertheless left it there for a while. When he later returned and drove off, the car came to a stop after 50 yards. On examination, he found salt in the petrol tank.

Mr. Scott said this sort of "practical joke" was on the increase in that district. Three such cases of damage to private cars were reported in a week, he said. He asked the court to take a serious view of the matter.

Sentencing defendant, Mr. Lo advised him that even if the depressing hot weather had affected him, he should not give vent to his temper.

In mitigation defendant said Mr. Woo's car was blocking the doorway of his garage. When he refused his request to move, he decided to teach him a lesson.

Mail Notices

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TUESDAY, MAY 14
By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 4 p.m.
Formosa, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain,
Europe, 10 p.m.

Canada, 1 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

Sarawak, N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
Malaya, Aden, 3 p.m.
Philippines, 4 p.m.
Macau, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
By Air

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-

tralia, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 10 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, N.W.
Africa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Korea, 8 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Macau, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 3 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.

Air Marshal Fressanges Departs From HK

Air Marshal Sir Francis Fressanges, KBE, CB, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Air Force, and Lady Fressanges, left Hongkong this morning for Clark Field, Manila, after a five-day farewell visit here.

Air Marshal Fressanges will stay at Clark Field for one day to say goodbye to his friends there before returning to Singapore.

He will retire in November after 36 years of service.

Before the distinguished visitors left for Kai Tak airport by RAF launch at 9:30 a.m. they bade farewell to many Service officers and their families who gathered at the Queen's Pier.

The band of the Hongkong Regiment was in attendance.

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